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### Have You Made Your Hotel Reservation?

Members of the Association who desire hotel reservations for the Annual Convention at Chicago, January 23-27, and who have not yet applied for them, are urgently requested to send in their applications to the office of the Secretary in Washington as soon as possible.

Reservations for Association members are being made through the Secretary's office, which is assured that ample accommodations for members will be provided at the Stevens Hotel.

### Canned Corn Pack in 1927

According to data collected by the U. S. Census Bureau at the annual census of canneries, the total pack of corn in the United States in 1927 amounted, on the basis of standard cases of No. 2 cans, to 10,346,680 cases.

The actual number of cases packed was 10,189,144, comprising 497,903 cases of No. 1 cans (48 to the case), 9,332,646 cases of No. 2 cans (24 to the case), 23,695 cases of No. 5 cans (12 to the case), 305,246 cases of No. 10 cans (6 to the case), and 29,654 cases of cans of other sizes and glass jars (17-oz., 18-oz., 25-oz., 33-oz., and glass jars of 20-oz. and under).

The total number of canneries in which corn was packed in 1927 was 434, of which 74 were located in Maryland, 58 in Michigan, 44 in New York, 40 in Iowa, 37 in Ohio, 35 in Indiana, 29 in Illinois, 26 in Wisconsin, 25 in Minnesota, and the remaining 66 in eleven other States.

Statistics showing, by States, the number of canneries in which corn was packed, the actual number of cases as reported,

and the number of equivalent standard cases of No. 2 cans, are presented in the following table:

States	Number of canneries which packed corn	Actual number of cases as reported	Equivalent number of standard cases <sup>a</sup>
Illinois .....	29	1,943,510	1,961,433
Maryland .....	74	1,482,028	1,493,226
Iowa .....	40	1,352,133	1,376,546
Minnesota .....	25	1,072,151	1,088,421
Ohio .....	37	834,301	845,871
Maine .....	58	786,489	805,732
Indiana .....	35	697,942	703,019
New York .....	44	651,107	675,717
Wisconsin .....	26	298,561	309,650
Nebraska .....	7	259,354	260,652
Delaware .....	12	221,784	222,084
Pennsylvania .....	17	166,532	170,953
Vermont .....	7	120,647	121,318
Michigan .....	11	79,435	85,669
All other States <sup>b</sup> .....	12	223,170	226,389
United States ....	434	10,189,144	10,346,680

<sup>a</sup> Standard case contains 24 No. 2 cans.

<sup>b</sup> Idaho, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Tennessee, Utah and Washington.

The above table presents statistics for all States for which separate figures can be given without disclosing operations of individual establishments. One of the States not shown separately, however—namely, Tennessee—reported a larger pack of corn than some of the States for which statistics are given.

#### Mexican Tomato Crop Damaged

A loss of 35 to 40 per cent in the tomato crop of the Los Mochis district (Fuerte Valley) has resulted from the rains occurring in that area on December 14, according to advices from Consul Wm. P. Blocker at Mazatlan. It was expected that about 5,500 cars of tomatoes would be shipped from the Mexican West Coast to the United States during the 1927-28 season. Of this amount, it was estimated that the Fuerte Valley would supply 1,700 cars or about 30 per cent. A reduction of between 600 and 700 cars from the Fuerte Valley estimate is indicated by Consul Blocker's report.

#### Increases Recommended for Agricultural Research

An analysis just made public of the budget of the Department of Agriculture as recently submitted to Congress shows that increases have been recommended by the Bureau of the Budget for a number of research items of special interest to canners and growers of canning crops.

The total increase to the Department of Agriculture for research work aggregates about \$1,300,000.

Among the research projects relating to canning crops for which increases have been recommended are the following:

<i>Purpose</i>	<i>Amount</i>
For investigating a serious infestation of apple canker in the Pacific Northwest .....	\$15,000
For investigating diseases of snap beans and peas grown for canning. ....	7,500
For studies of seed borne diseases of vegetables .....	7,500
For a study of the curly top virus believed to be the cause of many destructive diseases of truck crops .....	7,430
For peach breeding work in cooperation with Leland Stanford University .....	3,000
For breeding investigations with strawberries, raspberries, blackberries, and other small fruits .....	10,000
For investigating the production, standardization, improvement, and regional adaptation of vegetable crops for market gardening, truck farming, and canning .....	25,000
For extending vegetable weevil investigations to California where this pest has been found to seriously affect spinach .....	5,000
For researches in the entomological phases of corn borer control .....	50,000

The amounts recommended in the budget are subject to such increases or reductions as may be approved by Congress in its action on the bill making appropriations for the Department of Agriculture.

#### Hearings Set for Rates on Canned Foods

The Interstate Commerce Commission has announced hearings on the case (Investigation and Suspension Docket No. 3020) involving rates on canned foods between points in California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana to be held on January 30 at Helena, Montana, and at Spokane, Washington, on February 2. Examiner Sharp will be in charge of the hearings. By an order approved December 8, the Commission suspended the proposed changes in these rates until August 1, 1928.

#### Conference Called on Corn Borer Research

A conference on corn borer research has been called by Dr. A. F. Woods, Director of Scientific Work in the Department of Agriculture, to be held in Washington on January 3rd. At this conference methods of corn borer control will be reviewed and a program for further investigations formulated. Twenty-five states are expected to be represented in the conference.

### Distribution Census Reports Issued

The U. S. Census Bureau has issued its reports on the census of distribution of San Francisco, Oakland, Berkeley and Alameda. The reports cover altogether 16,923 wholesale and retail establishments.

### Fourth Section Application on Fish Roe Denied

The Interstate Commerce Commission has denied Fourth Section Application No. 13265 asking for authority to establish a fourth-class rating on fish roe, other than fresh, cooked, pickled or preserved, in metal cans, in barrels, boxes or crates, in less-than-carload quantities, from, to and between points in Southern territory, without observing the provisions of the fourth section of the Interstate Commerce Act.

### Siberian and Japanese Salmon Pack in 1927

According to what are believed to be reliable trade sources, the Siberian pack of salmon is put at 818,000 cases, and that of Japan at 132,000 cases.

### Bolivia Adopts New Tariff

The new tariff of Bolivia, which embodies a practically complete revision of import duties and which became effective October 1, provides for an increase in most foodstuffs, but the duties on canned meats, prepared or not with vegetables, and on canned fish and tomato sauce are reduced.

### Wholesale and Retail Prices in November

A slight reaction from the recent upward movement of wholesale prices is shown for November by information collected by the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. The bureau's revised index number, computed on prices in 1926 as the base and including 550 commodities, stands at 96.7 for November as compared with 97.0 for the month before, a decline of nearly 1/3 of 1 per cent. Compared with November, 1926, with an index number of 98.4, a decrease of 1 3/4 per cent is shown.

The retail food index issued by the Bureau shows for November 15, 1927, an increase of about two-tenths of 1 per cent since October 15, 1927; a decrease of a little more than 3 per cent since November 15, 1927; and an increase of a little more than 49 per cent since November 15, 1913.

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